

SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

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PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 11:00 AM

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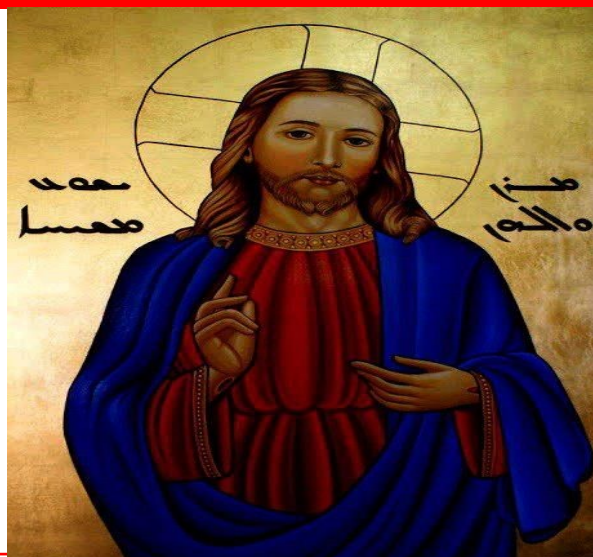
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Administrator: Rev. Robert Youssef Farah

Subdeacon: Claude Shiver

Sunday Liturgy: 11:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 7:00 PM



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READINGS**October-November/ 2019****October 27****Sunday of Christ the King****Epistle****Gospel**

Rom 12:9-21

Mt 25:31-46

November 3**Consecration of the Church****Epistle****Gospel**

Heb 9:1-12

Mt 16:13-20

**DATE****TIME***** L I T U R G Y I N T E N T I O N S *****FROM****Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions**

Oct. 27

11:00 AM

Moura Lawandos El-Khoury & Rev.
Maroun Hanna El-Khoury

Marsha El-Khoury Shiver

Nov. 3

11:00 AM

Personal Intentions

Nov. 10

11:00 AM

Personal Intentions

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR/2019

Oct. 27

St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary

Nov. 3

St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary

Nov. 10

St. Sharbel Ladies Auxiliary

*To sponsor a coffee hour pls. contact Mrs. Ana Franca Abi-Aad**Tel:(954) 806-9909 Or Email: abetriz@yahoo.com /Donation for coffee hour is appreciated***PARISH OFFERING****October 20, 2019***Weekly offering**\$641.00**Donation**\$1,350.00**Coffee Hour**\$56.00***Total Income****\$2,047.00***Thank You for your generosity and
your support***Important Messages****You are precious!**

Each one of us is created in a unique and unrepeatable way; we all have gifts and talents given to us in order to fulfill our mission. Don't buy into the lies that say you don't matter. You matter; Your life matters; every life matters and is precious, whether in the womb or aged. For more information about our ministry, check [here](#) and watch the video.



The dream has come true. Celebrating our First Divine Liturgy in the new Church on Hosanna Sunday was very moving, a real Home Coming. Now, our Bishop Gregory Mansour officially consecrated it with a beautiful and blessed ritual.

May God bless you all

All Saints / all Souls

Friday is the feast of All Saints. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, Divine Liturgy is at 7:00 PM. We encourage all to attend. We celebrate All Saints (The Righteous & Just) and All Souls (The Faithful Departed) with the Latin Church on November 1 & 2 respectively. In the Maronite Calendar, the three weeks preceding the Great Lent are dedicated to commemorate all deceased members of the Church: The Deceased Priests, the Righteous and Just, and the Faithful Departed.

Daily Qurbono

We will start a daily Mass on Monday November 4, and every Monday, Thursday, and Friday: time to be determined. Saturday all English Mass at 5:00 PM.

Children Serving Qurbono

Starting on the last Sunday of November, and every last Sunday of the month, there will be a Children's Mass. The first one is scheduled for Sunday, November 30. Children will read the epistle & the intentions, will transfer the gifts, will pass the sign of peace and so on...! Unless our children get involved directly in serving, it would be hard for them to learn the Mass. This is a wonderful and a practical way for them to learn.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2019

October 27	11:00 AM	Second Collection: World Mission Sunday
November 1	7:00 PM	All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation
December 14	6:00 - 12:00 PM	Christmas Party and Car Raffle

Christ the King: The Judgement of the Nations

The last Sunday of the Season of the Cross and the last of the Liturgical year, puts us face to face with God. Before him and before all appears our honesty and faithfulness to the one and only commandment with which he left us: "Love one another as I have loved you!" Today's Gospel summarizes all that a faithful must do toward the neighbor, just as if these deeds are done to Jesus himself.

As the liturgical year concludes through the Sermon on the Last Things, the intensity of the gospel reaches its peak and. The hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned remind us of the Sermon on the Mount whereby these needy are those blessed ones whom the gospel is talking about. But here, the ones who will care for them and treat them according to the heart and love of Jesus are those blessed ones, who are invited to the kingdom, with Jesus the son of man, the king, the shepherd and the supreme judge. The gospel draws our attention that this King and Supreme Judge is himself that hungry, that thirsty, that stranger, that naked, that sick and that imprisoned person we encounter in our daily life. Everything we do in serving those needy, without knowing, we are serving Jesus himself, because he is in each and every one of them! Thus, our negligence to serve, is in itself, a grave sin, just as committing any grave sin or a crime deserving punishment! The person who does not live the reality of caring for the needs of his fellow human beings, is still living the reality of sin, and has not yet reached the world of charity! From this premise, it cannot be said that the judgment of God is harsh, but rather, the hearts of people are.

Today's Gospel is clear about the fact that God does not reward us or judge us on the knowledge we have acquired, the fame we have reached or the fortune we have amassed, but on the love and the help we give our neighbor. Nowhere else in the Gospel do we find such a unique vivid command to remind us of our responsibilities toward our fellow-men. Here, we are faced with the real truth, which is any help we give to a needy person, is given to Jesus himself, and any assistance we refrain from providing, is withheld from Jesus himself.

There are three types of people when it comes to giving:

(a) Those who give freely and unconditionally: They just give for the sake of giving and of being good. They do not put any restriction on their gifts. They, by nature, love to give. They do not think that they are helping God. They help because they could not stop themselves. Their generosity is natural and instinctive and express the action of their loving hearts.

(b) Those who give for recognition: They love to give if they are being recognized and praised publicly. This is self-serving and is not considered true giving. They would say: had we known it was you Lord, we would gladly have helped.

(c) Those who give conditionally: They have a sense of control and superiority. They feel that they are much greater and better than others. If I give you this, then you do as I say. If I give you that, then you do it my way.

Giving and anticipating something in return, is considered trading or loaning. Ulterior motives and conditions ruin the true spirit of giving. It is the unconditional giving which wins the heart of God. When we help people in the simplest way, without any calculation and without looking for recognition, we will experience the unfathomable joy of helping our Lord Jesus himself. Let us ponder the immeasurable love of God for us: To the simplest folks, with the simplest help to the people we meet every day, God has awarded his magnificent and eternal glory. Happy are we if are able to care for the needy we encounter in our daily lives. Sainthood, making it to heaven and winning eternal life, does not require heroic acts, but as simple as being helpful, kind and generous to the people around us in whose faces Jesus lives.